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Milton Boyd and Bashiri Wilson...

Million Man March speech delivered on nationwide TV by Jefferson Jr. High students.

by Carmen White

Wake up, my father!

Wake up, my father!

Wake up, get up, our fathers!

Hear, feel our needs.

An emergency alarm should go off in the hearts and minds - To all those who want to be called Daddy, I need your strength.

To all those who want to be called Pops, I need your respect.

To all those who want to be called Big Brother, I need your courage.

To all those who want to be called Grandpa, I need your wisdom and your legacy.

To all those who want to be called Father, we need your discipline.

We need your unconditional love to guide us to our future - father.

Hear me when I am frustrated with anger, father.

Feed me with sources of hope and understanding.

Hear me, father, when I say yes to good grades, and no to evil temptations of the world.

To you, the ones we want to call Daddy, Pops, Big brother, Grandpa, Friend, Father, teach me.

Show me the way so whatever goes on outside of us won't affect what goes on inside us.

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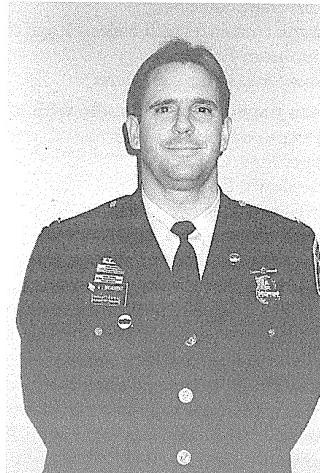
Because my inner child of promised success depends on YOU, my father.

We have a new Commander at First District

Inspector Alfred J. Broadbent, a 17-year veteran of the Metropolitan Police Department, took command of the 411 member force of the First District on Monday, November 6.

Inspector Broadbent's career began in the First District, and for five years he covered Section III in Scout 26. During the subsequent twelve years, more than a dozen assignments placed him in all districts except 4 and 5. His responsibilities included commanding the homicide internal affairs, and property divisions. Upon assuming command, he noted that "my most cherished time was in First District and I'm glad to be back."

"I'm glad to be back."
Inspector Alfred J. Broadbent



Jefferson High students hold a Million Man March teach-in . . .

Five hundred young women students at Jefferson Jr. high took part in a Teach-in during the Million Man March on Monday, October 16.

Visiting speakers conducted the event. Each student received a book entitled "Women of Courage."

Meanwhile 300 male students in Jefferson's "Young Men of Courage," were joined by 50 adults to discuss the issues involved in the march. They then walked to the march at 11 am, returning to the school at 3:30 pm.

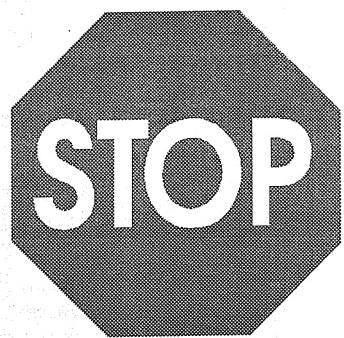
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Holiday party:

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) will not have a meeting until January 30, 1996. Instead, there will be a Holiday Party for all members of the community on December 12 (Tuesday), 7:30 - 9:30 at Jenny's Restaurant. Everyone is encouraged to bring a wrapped gift for a child or an adult. Please see the invitation on page 7.





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Southwest Community Calendar October — November 1995

- Nov 30 Thursday** - NARFE Chapter 2052
1:30 p.m. - Southwest Branch Library
- Dec 5 Tuesday** - First District MPD Citizens Advisory Council 7:30 p.m. - 1D Hdqtrs, 415 - 4th St., S.W.
- Dec 11 Monday** - Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Dec 12 Tuesday** - Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Holiday Party, Jenny's Restaurant, 401 M St., 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- Dec 20 Wednesday** - SW Waterfront AARP Chapter 4751 Christmas Luncheon (contact A. White at 554-5503); 11:30 p.m., Pier 7 restaurant \$20 apiece; bring children's gift for ages 4-13, boys and girls.
- (Please submit calendar items to C.W. Hargrave (554-8284) before the first of each month)

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Are you confused about what can and what cannot be recycled? Here is a helpful list.

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 - **Aluminum Foil**
 - **Empty metal aerosol cans**
- Brown paper bags or bundle with string.**
- **Newspapers** (with inserts)
 - **Magazines/Catalogs**
 - **Telephone Books**
 - **Corrugated Cardboard** (flattened)
 - **Brown paper bags**
 - **Office Paper/Computer Paper**
 - **Junk Mail/Envelopes**

All glass, metal, and plastic materials in the recycling bin should be empty and thoroughly rinsed. These items should be placed loosely in the bin, not in 'blue bags' or other plastic bags. Please remove all lids. Labels do not have to be removed.

All paper products should be clean (no food, grease, or chemical contamination). Place newspapers (with inserts) in separate brown paper bags or tied in bundles separated from other paper products. Corrugated cardboard should be flattened and tied in bundles no more than 36 inches in any direction. Corrugated cardboard also can be broken down to fit into brown paper (grocery) bags. All other paper products may be commingled in brown paper bags or bundled with string. All paper products should be placed beside the bin.

Touring China . . .

by Margaret Feldman

"I was part of a 75 person (three men) group which traveled for one week doing the main tourist track of five cities: Shanghai, Huangzou, Guilin, Ki'ng, and Beijing. It was very exhausting since the weather was very hot and humid and they kept us going at a very fast pace with a lot of walking. Perhaps the highlights were the Li River at Guilin and the 300 terra cotta warriors buried years ago at Ki'ng but excavated only in the last few years. In Beijing we saw the Forbidden Palace and Summer Palace and Tiananmen Square. It was a big thrill to be at those places.

Our hotels were very good—one was even 5 star with terry cloth robes and slippers in the closet, a whole coffee set-up. Most of the time travel was quite good and arrangements tiring, but not impossible.

In every town we were impressed with the large number of people riding bicycles. China will be a much less desirable area if everyone gets into a car which has to be parked somewhere. Bikes now are parked in tight rows. Traffic on the roads with the bikes is already difficult. With cars it would be impossible. In Beijing it rained a few days and everyone continued to bike with brightly colored plastic ponchos which were longer in front to stretch over the handle bars.

Beijing has at least two wonderful wide highways into and out of the city with wide bands of young trees (maybe 12-15 years old) which give a very nice green feel to the roads and stop pollution and dust. I was very impressed with the cleanliness of the center city—especially when I returned to Southwest and saw what a mess the streets are. There they have no gum on the sidewalks. One day in Tiananmen Square there were hundreds of people but no trash on the square and no trash cans. I don't know what everyone did—maybe put trash in their pockets or maybe there is less trashy wrapping."

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One In A Million - Plus

by W. Anthony Madison

It was a day that was more than glorious
And for a change the nation witnessed the
best in us
A day of peace, reconciliation and atonement
Where we were all in one accord, if but for a
moment.

Being there gave testament to the best of all
the possibilities
That just putting God first would create a new
and perfect reality.
Thanks a million man !

Margaret Feldman visiting the terra cotta warriors of King China



One Way to Celebrate

by Margaret H. Oliver

This could be a lonely holiday season
if I'd allow it to be that way
I could drown myself in sorrow
Let it pervade all I do and say

But NO! Not this year
I will just forget about myself
I will give and give and give
Until I have very little left

When the material things are gone
I will offer my out-stretched hand
Be generous with my smiles
Spread joy any where I can

When I have gone through a place
I want folks to say
"My holiday was so much better
Because that person passed my way"

Club 4 starts new basketball season...

The basketball season is starting at Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club #4. Money is being sought to buy uniforms for 5 teams - age 8 and under, 10, 12, 14 and 16 and under.

Official competition against other D.C. teams starts after January 1.

Club director is Alvin Hudgens, 727-4618.

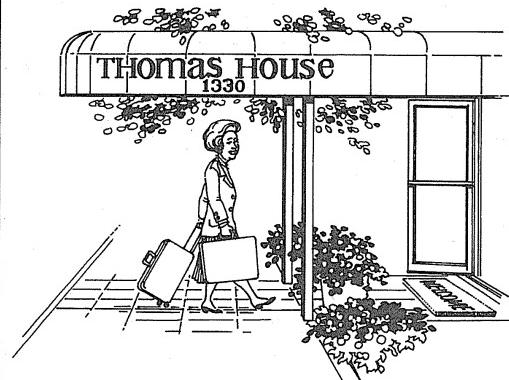
Southwest's Secret . . .

by Phillip R. Oliver

For both the jaded, native-born Washingtonian and for the newly arrived congressional aide, a fact unknown to many is that the area of the city that we call Southwest actually lies on both sides of the Anacostia River. As South Capitol street crosses the Douglass Bridge, Bolling Air Force Base comprises the area known as "Far Southwest". At Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., and cresting a ridge high above the Potomac flood plain, Far Southwest becomes more residential, with a mix of garden apartments, small and medium-sized bungalows and a high-rise complex.

Far Southwest is home to several institutions important to the larger community. Among these institutions are the Washington Highlands library, the D.C. Fire and Metropolitan Police Academies, Bald Eagle recreation center [with its high-tech center recently established as a result of Cora Masters Barry's wish list], D.C. Village, Hadley Hospital, the Naval Research Laboratory, and two elementary schools - Patterson and M.V. Leckie. Leckie Elementary school holds the distinction of having a branch of the Riggs National Bank on its campus. Additionally, Shepard Parkway, a little-used natural resource, runs the span from Xenia Street to Joliet Street. Raccoons, opossums, snakes, lizards, and deer attest to the ecological soundness of this sector. So, the next time you think of 'east of the river', remember that means S.W. too!

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Schools

Adult basic education lab hits a snag . . .

It seems that the report in the *Southwester* about the dedication of the Adult Basic Education Computer was premature. The room still has to be completed so the ceremony will have to wait until the work is finished. This was a pet project of the former SW librarian, Carolyn McCormick. Hopefully it will open in the new year.

Spanish class visits Ft. Myers.

Twenty-four 3rd to 6th graders at Anthony Bowen Elementary School attended an Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at Ft. Myers. Dance, music, food and drink in the Spanish style were enjoyed by the students, all of whom are studying Spanish at Bowen this year.

Brig. General Manuel Flores described the contribution of Hispanics in the military from World War II to the present.

Jefferson wins \$1,000 . . .

More parents attended the first day of school at Jefferson Jr. High this year than at any other junior high its size in D.C.. As a result Jefferson won \$1,000, the first place prize in the United Black Fund contest originated by the late Dr. Calvin W. Rolark.

Million Man March yields Metro's second highest daily ridership.

On October 16, the day of the Million Man March, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority reached its second highest Metrorail daily ridership in its nearly 20-year history of operation. By the close of business at 12 Midnight, 804,145 passenger trips had been logged. Normally, Metro logs 500,000 passenger trips on a Monday.

Meanwhile, 415,000 riders took Metrobus, compared with 400,000 on a normal weekday. Clinton's Inauguration set the Metrorail record at 811,300 in January 1993.

M.V. Leckie Elementary Forms Partnership With Riggs Bank

by Phillip R. Oliver

On September 21, 1995, M.V. Leckie Elementary School made history by being the first elementary school in Washington, D.C. to open a branch of the Riggs National Bank on its premises.

Dr. Reuben Pierce, the school's principal, presided over inaugural activities. In attendance were such dignitaries as the Honorable Mayor Marion Barry, Ward 8 Councilwoman Eydie Whittington, Board of Education member Linda

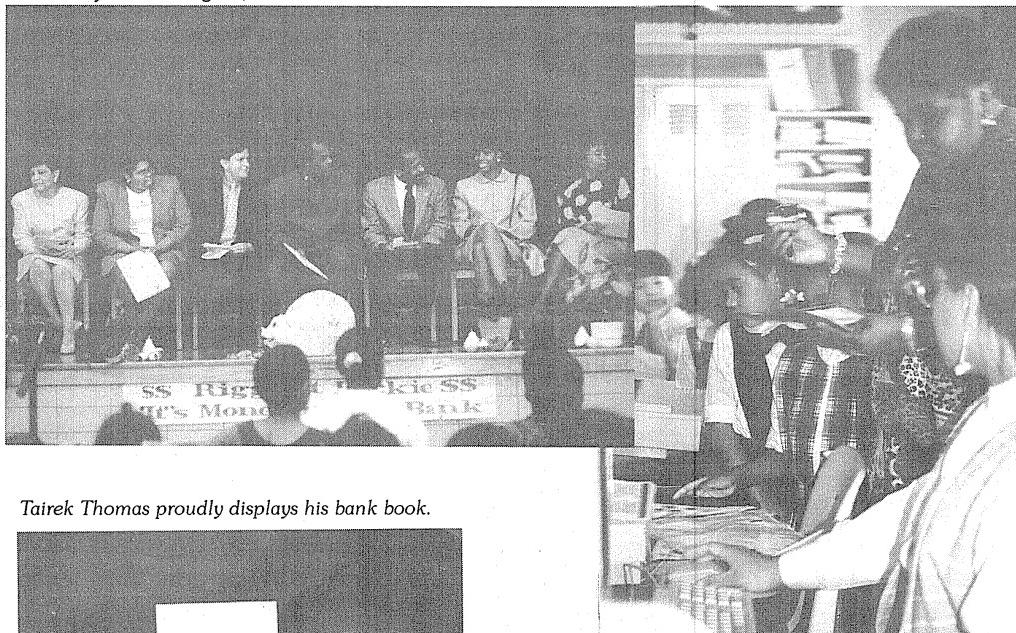
Moody, Riggs Bank Senior Vice President Russell Simmons, South Capitol Branch manager Maggie Bethia, and Leckie PTA president Erica Tollett.

Two television stations, WJLA-TV and D.C.P.S. Channel 28 covered the event as

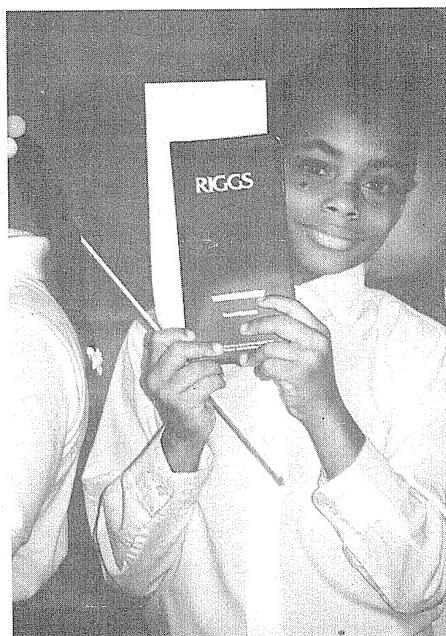
Mayor Barry cut the ribbon opening the bank. Two hundred and twenty accounts were opened. Each depositor received a bank book and deposit slips. The mayor pledged \$1 to every account while parents staffed the computerized bank. The bank is in its sixth week of operation with Mr. Ray Slade of Riggs as the community liaison and Leckie's Ms. B. Eaglin as the bank manager. The school is located at 4201 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., S.W., phone 202-645-3330; FAX 202-645-3331.

[L to R] At the inaugural ceremonies are, unidentified, Linda Moody, Russell Simmons, Mayor Marion Barry, Dr. Reuben Pierce, Eydie Whittington, and Erica Tollett.

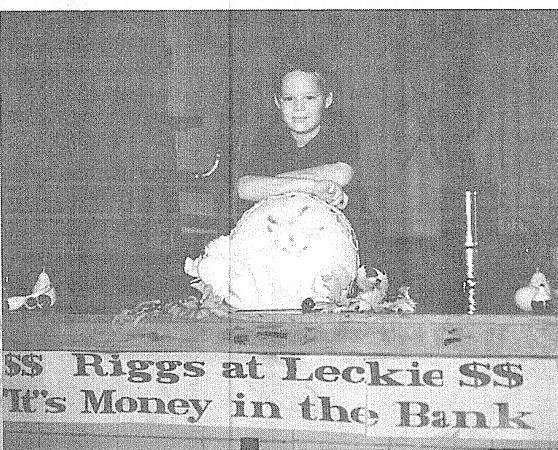
Parents work the computer terminals at the Leckie bank.

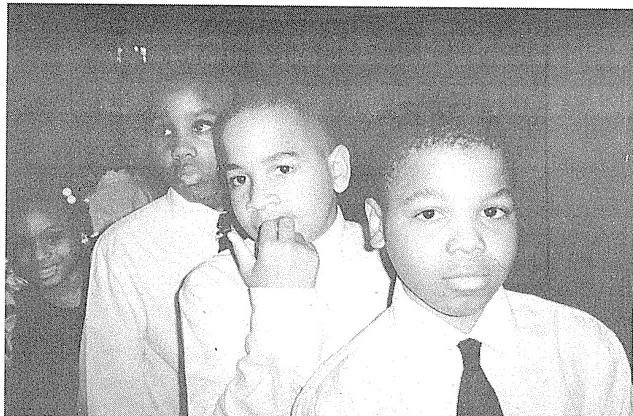


Tairek Thomas proudly displays his bank book.



Shawn Bates poses behind a prop after opening activities.

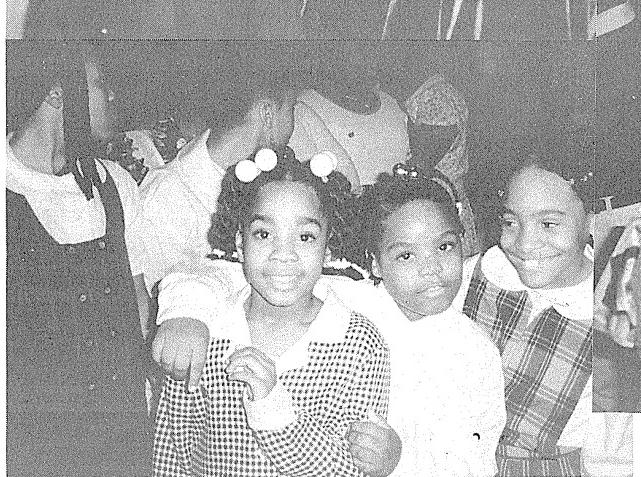
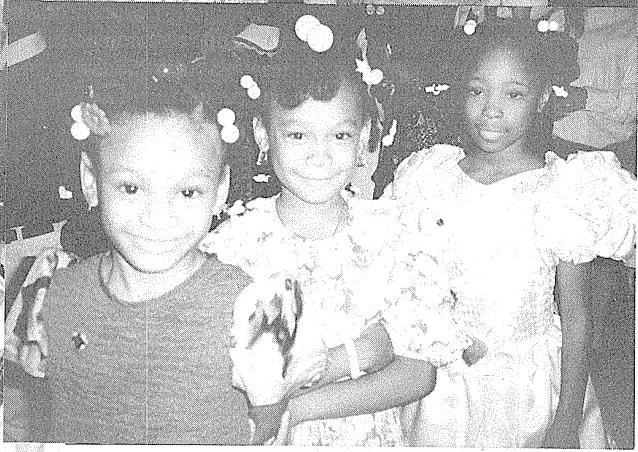
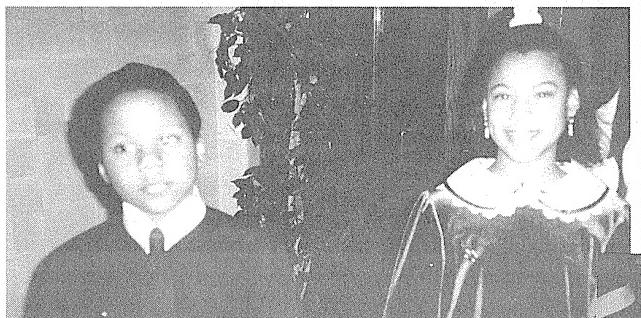
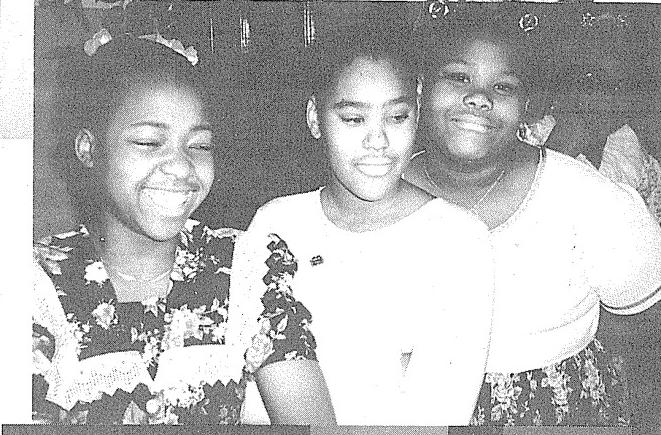


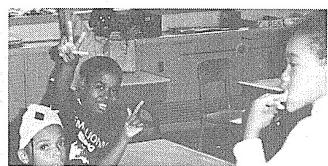
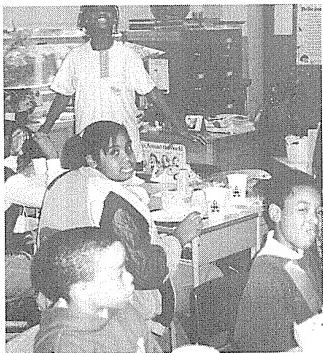


Bowen Elementary Honors Program

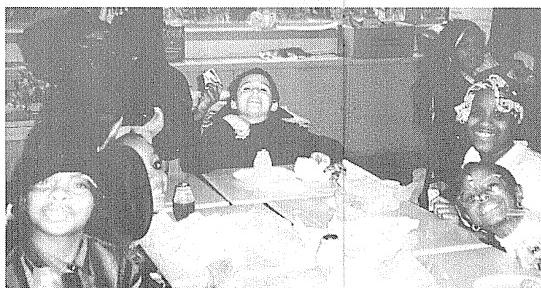
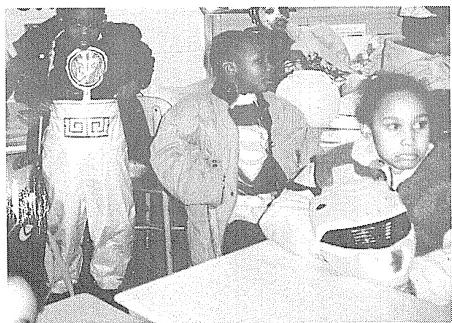
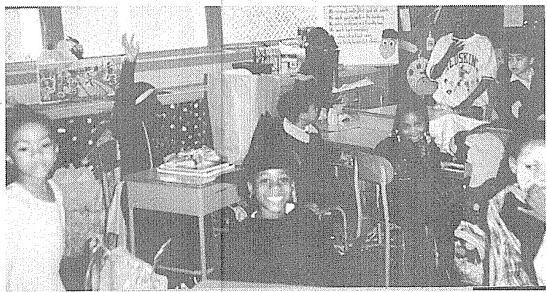
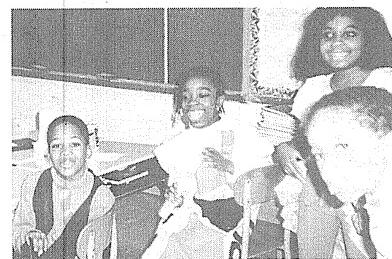
Two dozen boys and girls at Anthony Bowen Elementary School were honored at an assembly at the school. Masters of Ceremonies were Jerome Fell and Darryl Head. The Criteria for Induction were given by William Harris, Tiera Washington, Christine White, and Lakeisha Parker.

The honorees gathered on the stage and recited a work of "Choral Speaking." The program included Reflections, by Constance Young, a poem entitled "Try Self-Discipline" by Danielle Cosey and Lamikah Evelyn, Greetings and Presentation of Awards by Ms. Rosalie Huff, the principal, and Closing Remarks by Lamikah Evelyn.



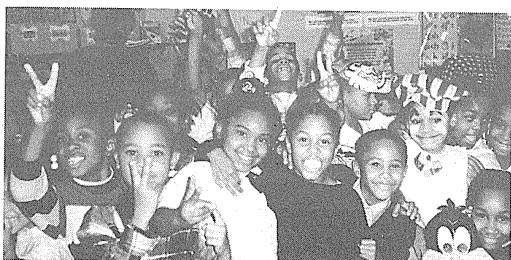


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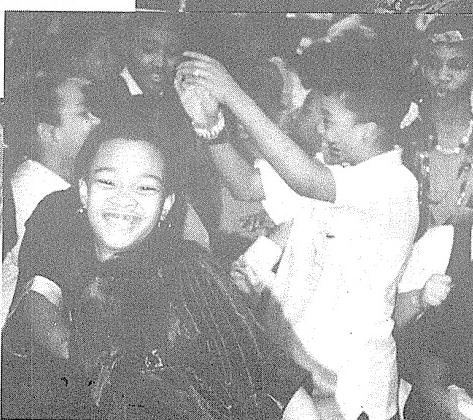




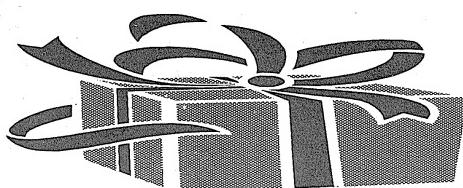
Halloween at Bowen Elementary School



Jefferson Jr. High Halloween Dance in the Gym...



The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Invites the Southwest Community to a Holiday Party at Jenny's Chinese Restaurant at 401 M Street, SW on Tuesday, December 12 from 7:30 to 9:30 PM



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WWA will sponsor a competition for the best decorated boats and prizes will include weekends, dinners, brunches, cruises, and theater tickets, all donated by member businesses.

The best position for viewing the procession and joining the carolling is between the 600 and 1000 blocks of Water Street. This event is the perfect opportunity for friends and family to gather along the Southwest waterfront to enjoy the spirit of the holiday season.



Margaret Feldman attends UN Conference on Women held in China...

Margaret Feldman, former chair of the Southwest Community Council, Inc., was an observer in China at the UN's 4th annual world conference on women.

Representing the National Council on Family Relations, Ms. Feldman spent two days in Huairou at the forum of Non-Government Organizations before going to Beijing as an observer at the official conference.

"[At Huairou] it was wonderful to hear women from all over the world talk about their problems," Ms. Feldman reported. "...Women all over the globe are experiencing violence in their homes, are finding it hard to get credit so

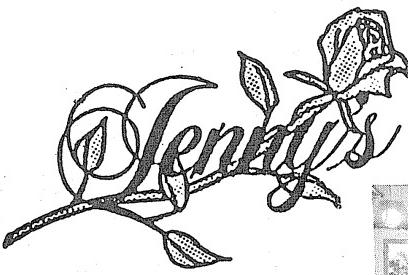
they can have a small business, and are feeling the need for more education and for more political power so they can make the rules fair for women. On the other hand, they are organizing to pro-

duce the services they need and are gaining political credibility."

Hillary Clinton gave a very impressive speech at the NGO Forum. It was repeated on TV several times so that Chinese and all those unable to see her could hear her message, Ms. Feldman reported.

At the Beijing Conference Center Ms. Feldman spoke with Geraldine Ferraro, "the point person for the U.S. Delegation on the sub-committee working on family issues." She assured us that good things were coming out of their committee."

Ms. Feldman's trip included a one week tour by air and by two-tiered train including the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square in Shanghai, and the 100 terra cotta warriors buried thousands of years ago at Xi'ning.



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[^] Most of the information you'll need, basic and advanced, is on the 'Net and it's free for the taking. Organizations like **Trust Net** have numerous files available, online, that'll fulfill your thirst for knowledge.

[^] Once you're moving around on the 'Net you might want to use monthly magazines as a means of keeping up with trends. Depending on your interests, you will find material that focuses on the creative side, commercial applications, techie stuff [boring :-)], just about any approach you can think of. Most of what's available, now, is focused on the 'Net, however, I foresee specialized media on in areas like the 'Net and the humanities, arts, sciences, etc..

[^] Finally, a number of publishers who produce magazines are creating virtual versions and there are a few that **only** publish electronically on the 'Net.

tools most of these basic tools are in the form of software made available to you as a part of the basic offerings from your InterNet service provider.

[^] **e-mail** - electronic letter/message. one message can be sent to hundreds. can be sent to anyone with "Net address. instant reply capability.

[^] **cyberspace** - another name for the InterNet

[^] **ftp** - file transfer protocol. a common method of transfer-

ring files across networks. some require authorized access. a vast number of ftp sites offer anonymous ftp which makes them open to anyone.

[^] **telnet** - a tool that enables you to connect to another computer on the Internet, and then use it as if you were actually directly connected to that computer.

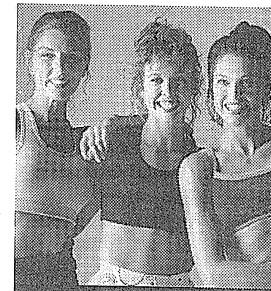
[^] **World Wide Web** - a universal method of access to information, especially using text that, when selected, has the ability to present connected documents that also contain text and other forms of media (graphics, video & audio).

[^] **mosaic** - software that provides an graphical interface to the World-Wide Web.

[^] **gopher** - developed by the University of Minnesota. provides an easy-to-use menu-driven searching tool through the Internet system.

[^] **archie** - network service that searches file transfer protocol (ftp) sites for files that are publicly available on the Internet. Users can locate files by searching the Archie database, which is indexed by the names of the files. Therefore, users need to know a part of the file's name to locate a file using Archie.

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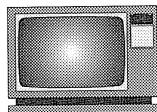
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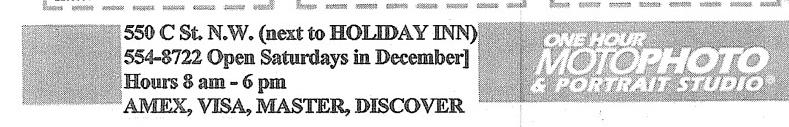
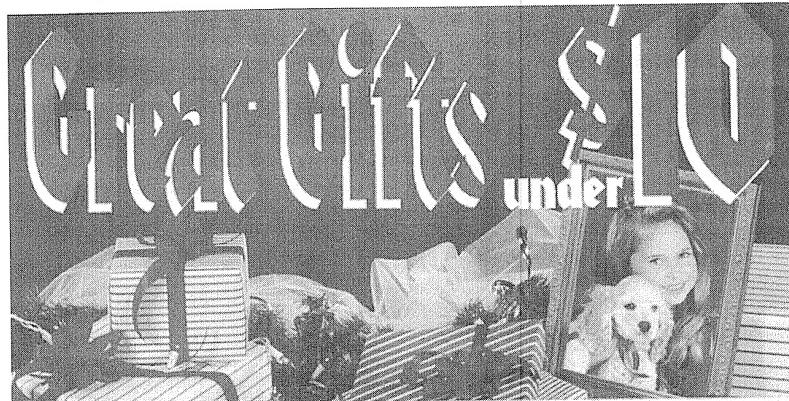
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Habitat for Humanity story in the next Issue...

At the SWNA Meeting in October, there was a discussion about Habitat housing being built on the Syphax property. Should Habitat come into SW? Should Syphax be razed and 32 townhouses be built on the property? In the next Southwester there will be an article on this important community concern.

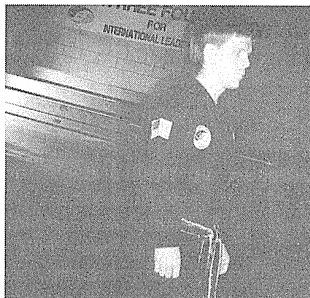
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by Wallace Babington

The National Theater concludes its Fall Season of "Monday Night at the National" on December 11 with an extravaganza that should prove to be both unique and exciting. Michael Friend of the **Soul in Motion Players** premieres his solo performance of rhythm, storytelling and percussion when he appears as **Kambui Nyahuma** in this one man show. Kambui expresses the sounds and rhythms of the whole world through an array of international instruments: the conga, bongo, timbale, djembe, djundjun, shakere, cowbells, pandera, maracas, windchimes, talking drum, tambourines, agogo bells, cabasa and quicas. (It's worth seeing this show just to find out what those instruments look and sound like!) Mr. Friend even invites his audience to join with him in chants, clapping, call-and-response and dance. Sounds like an evening of great fun. And it's free: Monday, Dec. 11, 7:00 and 8:30 PM at the National Theater, 1321 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Call 202-783-3372.

Adopt-a-Block

Adopt-a-block has retired until Springtime. There will be a kick-off in the new year. Individuals are encouraged to continue during the winter months. Group pick-ups will continue if the weather is good.

Club 4 athletes meet the Redskins...

Two dozen members of football teams of MPB&G Club #4 were taken by Club director Alvin Hudgens to meet with professional football players of the Redskins team.

The visit was filmed live and shown on Home Channel.

The young athletes asked questions of their heroes. Antwan Gillis, a 9th grader at Jefferson Jr., asked #30 Brian Mitchell "What are the advantages and disadvantages of being an NFL player?"

"Well, I enjoy playing and we get to travel to many different cities," Mitchell replied, "but the down side is that when we are with our families we don't have any privacy. Fans see us and want our autographs."

Club #4 athlete Antwan Smith asked, "Do you think you are being used properly?" "No, I think I should be used more in the offense," Mitchell said.



Mr. Michael Friend of the Soul in Motion Players

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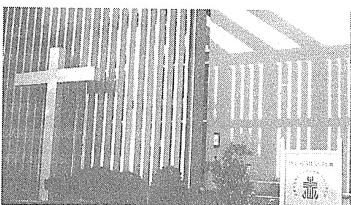
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The minutes of the October 24 SWNA meeting:

The regular meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly was called to order at the Southwest Branch Library by Vice President, Marc Weiss at 7:40 p.m., October 24, 1995. Board members present were: Marc Weiss, Jeanne MacKenzie, Carole Early, Zandra Earl, Peggy Jackson, Walter Brooks, Emma Ward, and Margaret Feldman, ANC2D-02 Commissioners Charles W. Hargrave, and Toni Cassidy and ANC executive Gottlieb Simon. Guests included: Carol Casperson and John Smith, Habitat for Humanity; June Hirsh and John Ralls of Councilman Evans' office; Rick Bardach, Southwest Community House; Alfred Powell, Adult Librarian; James Parks, DC Department of Administrative Services; Ann Wilcox, Ward 2 Commissioner of Education; and John Fanning, Ward 2 Om-budsman, the Mayor's Office.

Vice-president Weiss opened the meeting at 7:40. Several events taking place in November were announced. The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Holiday Party will be on December 12, volunteers needed to work with Peggy Jackson.

Invitation for Community Input on the Syphax School Site Vice-president Weiss introduced the topic by stating that the SWNA Board approved at its October meeting a resolution to redevelop

the Syphax site for affordable home ownership, preferably by Habitat. The ANC has also discussed whether the Syphax buildings should be demolished or redeveloped. He introduced Carol Casperson and John Smith of the Habitat for Humanity staff.

SW Habitat homeowner, Marilyn Johnson and two of her children were introduced. They described the process of volunteering since 1992 and putting in 500 sweat equity hours through which they earned their home at 1400 First Street, S.W. Habitat provides homes at no-profit, no-interest. A typical townhouse is 1250 square feet, 18X34', 3 bedroom, 2 floor, 1 bath dwelling.

Discussion of the topic included: Announcement that MEFAT, an organization of seven African American denominations have made contact with the DC Housing office about the Syphax site for one of their projects to build 50,000 new construction homes nationwide.

Concern about crime in the area and the need for crime analysis.

A list of Suggestions and Recommendations from the "Carrollsburg Friends" residents in the

immediate area of Syphax school.

The need for any proposal to have community consensus and support before presentation to the DC Government.

The wisdom of saving the historic part of the building and the Syphax name - possibly to build homes on most of the property and develop a cultural center in the renovated building.

Whether there is the possibility of Habitat's partnering with other organizations.

Identification of SW residents willing to work with Habitat. Offer by Homeless Veterans also to work.

DC law allows disposal of school property turned over to the District but a financial gain is also looked for.

Summary of Questions to be Addressed:

- Whether to demolish, whole or part?
- The relative costs involved in each alternative?
- How to preserve the historical name and building?
- What to build on the property?
- Who should be the developer(s)?

An invitation was extended to those who wanted to work on the Syphax Task Force.

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